

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

Toshio HIRANO et al. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION : :

FILED: HEREWITH : :

FOR: A MEMBRANE PROTEIN POLYPEPTIDE HAVING PRE-B CELL
GROWTH-SUPPORTING ABILITY AND A GENE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Page 1, replace the Title with the following:

--Method of Identifying Cells Expressing a Protein Having Pre-B Cell Growth-Supporting Ability.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, please insert

--This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/182,563, filed October 29, 1998, now allowed, which is a Divisional application of U.S. Application Serial Number 08/624,650, filed May 22, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,914,252, issued June 22, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT JP94/01732, filed October 14, 1994.--

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Page 32, after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-7.

Please add new Claims 8-10 as follows.

—8. An antibody recognizing a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

9. The antibody of Claim 8, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

10. The antibody of Claim 9, wherein the antibody is an antibody produced by the hybridoma deposited under the accession number FERM BP-4433.--

REMARKS

Claims 8-10 are pending in this application.

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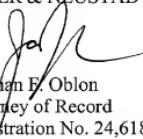
Applicants respectfully request that the computer-readable form in parent application Serial No. 08/624,650 be used to prepare a Sequence Listing file for the above-identified application. The contents of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing in the above-identified application and the computer readable form in parent application Serial No. 08/624,650 are identical.

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Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.
Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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